



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT March 16, 2015

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (1) Council on Aging Board, (1) Parks and Recreation, (2) Historical Commission, and (2) Zoning Board of Appeals. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

FY 16 BUDGET

Based on further review the 2nd ambulance has been withdrawn from the Capital Plan for FY 16.

Met with the Advisory Board on March 9th and there will be another joint meeting with the Capital Planning, Advisory, and Board of Selectmen to continue review and discuss the Annual Town Meeting and how the group wants to proceed on the 23rd of March.

The FY 16 Proposed Budget is available on the Town's website.

INSURANCE

Edd Byrnes, our insurance advisor, held a meeting on Monday the 23rd of February, with our Insurance Advisory Group that consists of representatives from all labor groups. There was a follow up meeting scheduled on the 11th of March but it had to be rescheduled. Employees are looking for a better comparison of how the plan will change and what is being mandated by the government.

CONTRACTS

The Dispatch union, Police Chief, and Police Lieutenant's contracts have all been executed.

TREASURER

Due to cash flow issues arising from the large Briggs school payment and paying off the temporary borrowing note in October Paul initiated a short term borrowing until May 15th.

BRIGGS SCHOOL

We are awaiting the final reimbursement for the Briggs School project. I contacted Kelly Brown from the DEP green energies division and she contacted MSBA and MACHPS to ensure we are going to get on the June 3rd meeting. Kelly notified the AWRSD about what was needed to make this happen. This will determine whether we need to go and borrow an additional \$580,000 to cover the shortfall due to the reimbursement. The borrowing would be required to ensure we didn't lose our free cash.

REMINDER

The Annual Town Meeting is May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakmont. The deadline to submit warrant articles is Wednesday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m.